

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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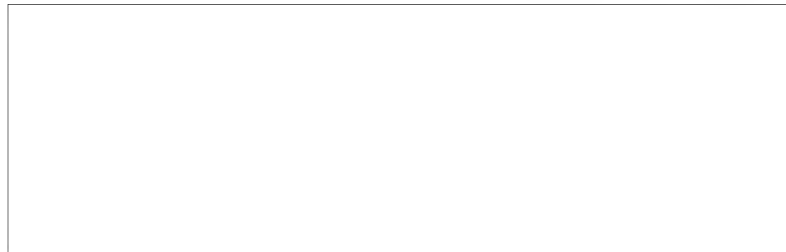
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1. Laos

a. Kong Le's units may be hurting from the Communist response to the effort to take Xieng Khouang.



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photos appear to provide signs that the Vietnamese have indeed been funneling more military support through Tche-pone--either into or through Laos.

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d. With the departure of the last Soviet technicians the Soviet-provided airlift operating from Vientiane will be all but grounded.

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e. LI-2 transports (there are also light aircraft and a helicopter) is currently operational. The Laotians can fly them, but cannot repair them.

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2. Indonesia-Malaya

a. The Indonesians are livid. They say Malaya's Prime Minister Rahman has cancelled his secret meeting in Tokyo with Sukarno which had been scheduled for tomorrow.

b. They report that recent Sukarno statements on Malaysia have been cited as the reason; Foreign Minister Subandrio claims that Sukarno had actually "said nothing new."

c. Subandrio, highly agitated, has asked Ambassador Jones "What do they want--war?"

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### 3. Cuba

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c. The Havana press says Castro will wind up his formal USSR visit next week and then will rest "for a few days" in the Crimea. The Algerian government, meanwhile, has announced without fanfare that Castro is expected at "the end of May or early June."

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e. Cuba is supposed to get dollars for 20 percent of at least the first million tons of sugar sold to the USSR. Moscow, however, hew- ing to a business-like line, is apply- ing these to the repayment of ster- ling credits granted Havana during the winter.

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#### 4. Cuban exiles

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b. CUBANA Airlines has stepped up its Havana-Mexico flights from two to three a week and Mexico is more liberal with visas. As a re- sult, about 100 refugees a week are now arriving in Mexico.

c. Two-thirds of the 700 al- ready there have applied for US visas.

#### 5. Haiti

a. Today's celebrations, with thousands swarming into Port-au- Prince, are loaded with possibilities for violence.

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b. The regime also remains  
concerned over possible attacks  
from outside.

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6. Syria-UAR

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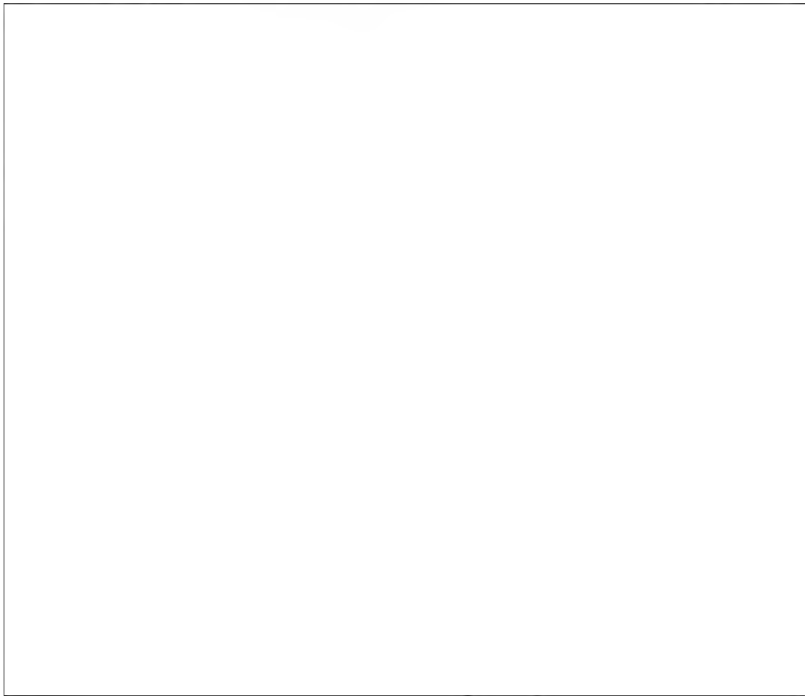
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**7. USSR**

**a. Soviet military doctrine and training envisaging possible extensive wartime use of chemical warfare toxic agents are backed up by extensive stockpiles.**



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**8. USSR**

**a. We think the Soviet proposal for declaring the Mediterranean a "zone free of nuclear-rocket weapons" is but the opening gun in an attack planned to greet**

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any announcement coming out of  
Ottawa on the Interallied Nuclear  
Force.

b. The tenor of recent propa-  
ganda suggests that Moscow will  
paint any NATO nuclear force as  
merely a device for giving Germany  
access to nuclear weapons. In Pravda  
two weeks ago, Malinovsky termed  
such access as "a direct threat" to  
Soviet "vital interests"--a formula  
hauled out by the USSR on the rarest  
of occasions.

c. Most, or all, Mediterranean  
nations have apparently received the  
Soviet proposal. [REDACTED]

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- A. USSR An unmanned, probably nonrecoverable Cosmos-series satellite was orbited from Kapustin Yar last night. TASS has announced only that it is carrying scientific equipment to study outer space. [REDACTED]

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- C. Argentina Another coup effort may be in the making, [REDACTED]

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- D. Ecuador [REDACTED] arrest of Ecuadorean Communist leader Roura upon his return from Europe with money and terrorist plans. The affair has also a Chinese flavor. Roura's traveling companion to Europe was the local New China News Agency representative, [REDACTED]

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- E. British Guiana With the strike deadlocked in its fifth week, violence edges nearer

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- F. Soviet Bloc Forces in Eastern Europe appear to be making extensive preparations for a large-scale joint exercise.

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- G. Cuba Monday's photography, which provided excellent coverage of three of the four armored camps and the Torrens headquarters complex, showed no significant change. Three PT boats from Mariel were spotted at Banes in eastern Cuba. The Cubans may be planning to make Banes into a more important naval base or may be expanding their naval patrol capability around eastern Cuba.

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